Inspection of Mr. T. R. Subbarama Ayyar's Depot at Ernakulam.

200. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state what is the report of the Conservator of Forests on the inspection of the depot of Mr. T. R. Subbarama Ayyar at Ernakulam and what is the cause of this inspection?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Government are not aware of the existence of a deopt in Ernakulam of Mr. T. R. Subbarama Ayyar.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Was Mr. Subbarama Ayyar a contractor under the Forest Department?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Yes, he was.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Had he a depot at Pachchalam?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Is Pachchalam a part of Ernakulam?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Yes. But when this question was put, Mr. Subbarama Ayyar was no more.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—What was the difficulty to identify Mr. Subbarama Ayyar?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—The depot at Pachchalam is not Mr. Subbarama Ayyar's now.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—To my question what is the report of the Conservator of Forests on the inspection of the depot of Mr. T. R. Subbarama Ayyar at Ernakulam the answer is that there is no depot now. So am I to understand that the objection is for the omission of the word 'late'?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Yes.

Sale of forest produce.

201. **Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to furnish the following information:—

1. has it not been decided at the last Budget Session of the Legislative Council that forest produce of any kind should not be sold except by public auction;

2. if so, why the growth standing in Kalavarakunnu in Talappalli was sold to one Mr. N. K. Dharmaraja Ayyar by private negotiation in contravention to the above decision of the Council?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—1 and 2. In the Budget Session of 1103 the Legislative Council carried a token motion urging that all sales in the Forest Department should be by public auction; but Government have not accepted that principle formally. The sale in question is in conformity with the provision in Article III (2) of the *Forest Code* and was a very advantageous one.

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(b) what are the special qualifications for putting him in charge of Railway and Harbour;

(c) has he had any previous experience dealing with Railway and Harbour matters;

(d) what are the duties and responsibilities attached to the special work given to him?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) It expires on 31st Medam 1104 (Vide Notification dated 25th Thulam 1104 on page 107 of the Government Gazette, dated 25th Thulam 1104).

(b) He was considered to possess such qualifications as are required for discharging the special work entrusted to him.

(c) Yes.

(d) Whatever will fall legitimately within the scope of his special work have been entrusted to him. They are not capable of further elaboration.

APPENDIX I.

(Vide answer to question No. 221.)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIWAN OF COCHIN.

Public Works Department.

Read petition dated 30th Mithunam 1103 from Sreemathi Thekkekurup. path Nalukettil Kunji Amma and other female inhabitants of Trichur Town praying for a scheme of water supply to the town during the hot months of the year forwarded with the Sarvadhikariakar's Ref. on P. No. 329/1103, dated 21st July 1928.

2. A similar petition addressed to the Diwan and the Trichur Municipal Chairman's endorsement P. No. 1140/1103, dated 25th August 1928, thereon.

3. Correspondence ending with letter C. No. 418/1104, dated 21st November 1928, from the Chief Engineer.

Also (4) Sarvadhikariakar's communication A. No. 541/1104, dated 30th November 1928.

Order dated 2nd December 1928, C. No. 1691/1103.

The Chief Engineer's proposal in his letter read as 3rd paper above to sink wells in the town from which water can be distributed through pipes is approved and he is requested to take prompt action in the matter.

2. The purchase of the machinery at a cost of Rs. 3,196 (F. O. R. Bombay) for testing the yield of the boreholes is also sanctioned. Source for the expenditure should be pointed out in due course.

(True extract)

(Sd.) Secretary to the Diwan.

To

The Chief Engineer.
" Diwan Peishkar.
" Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats.
" Comptroller of Accounts.

Copy to the Trichur Municipal Chairman.
" Sarvadhikariakar.
" Petitioners.
Dr. A. R. Menon, Member (for Trichur).
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